

# CONFRONTATION--NATHAN & DAVID (PART ONE)

2 Samuel 12:1-13

Progression of sin:

1. Tempted
2. Lusted
3. Investigated
4. Sinned!
5. Consequences
6. Lied
7. Exposed
8. Lost it all

The Lord sends Nathan.

A year passed

Baby born

No repentance in David's heart.

Mt. Hen: *...his harp was out of tune, and his soul like a tree in winter, had life in the root only.*

He seems to get away with it!

Sin has habit of surfacing.

Num 32:23 ... *be sure your sin will find you out.*

Eventually becomes common knowledge.

God sends Nathan.

David judge and jury of Israel.

**2 Sam 12:1**

Focus on Lord and not David.

David intimidate most prophets.

Prov 29:25

*The fear of man:*

Putting opinions of men higher than opinion of God.

**K & D:** *...regulation of one's conduct by the opinion or attitude of morally untrained men, fearing to speak truth and do right lest it should provoke enmity.*

**Thomas:** social timidity.

*Bringeth a snare:* results in misfortune.

Trapped

Peter deny Christ?

Abraham lie about wife?

Young man void of understanding in Prov 7

Aaron make molten calf

David lie at times?

Christians silent witness?

Teenage young man compromise convictions?

Teen buy a CD

Cure? Confidence in God!

*...whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.*

*trust:* to hide for refuge; security.

More concerned about what God thinks then what man thinks.

*Safe:* inaccessible, strong, defended

Psa 27:1-3 Heb 13:6

Thomas: *He shall find that there is no lion, nor any ravenous beast in the way of holiness; or if there are, that they are chained, and cannot do him any evil which shall not turn out to his advantage in the end.*

Bridges: *Faith unbinds the soul from fear.*

Person close to God and confidence in Lord – willing to stand alone for Lord.

Elijah--stand against fury of King.

Moses--willing to go against majority vote. Num. 14

3 Hebrew young men--not bow to image. Dan 3:17

Daniel--willing to pray in open...lion's den. Dan. 6:10

Esther--willing to be sentenced to death. Esther 4:16

Disciples threatened with lives if continued preaching Jesus. Acts 4:19

Nathan--willing to obey God in confronting unrepentant king.

**Principle: God's timing not always same as ours!** Eccl 8:5

Swindoll: *He let the grinding wheels of sin do their full work and then stepped in.*

**Principle: Things aren't always as appear.**

Mat 23:27-28

Everything that glitters is not gold.

The inside of David--Ps 32.

This psalm is given to you and me as an instruction. Psa 32:1-2

David's admission guilt for sin. Psa 32:3-4

**Swindoll:** *Now you know what that means. "there was this awful oppression, this misery of conscience. Day and night I felt the heavy hand of God on me. It was like running a fever. I couldn't lift my head. I couldn't handle the pressures of my work. I couldn't cope. I was sick. My body wasted away.*

LNT: *There was a time when I wouldn't admit what a sinner I was. But my dishonesty made me miserable and filled my days with frustration.*

*All day and all night your hand was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water on a sunny day until I finally admitted all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide them.*

### **Nathan's approach to David.**

Uses word picture

Talk about rich man and poor man.

Flocks and herds and a little baby pet ewe lamb.

#### **2 Sam 12:1-3**

David all ears.

Thinks Nathan describing an incident that actually happened.

#### **2 Sam 12:4**

He didn't want to take one out of his own huge flock of sheep

David's heart welling up with pity and compassion

#### **2 Sam 12:5 *And David's anger was greatly kindled ...***

David's sense of justice rises within him.

Exo 22:1-2

David caught up in self-justification--doesn't see connection.

**Getz:** *The intensity of his projection is seen in his exaggerated reaction. The Law of Moses clearly stated that under these conditions a man only need to give back four sheep for the one he had stolen. David's response was that a man like this 'deserves to die.'*

**Principle:** Whenever see exaggerated reaction from individual-- tell you something.

**Principle:** Person often willing to condemn in others his own secret sin!

**Rom 2:1** *Therefore* (because of what we have just explained) *thou art inexcusable* (Legal term: without reasoned defense, Indefensible, without excuse, without justification) *O man, whosoever thou art (stick man approach) that judgest another* (to sentence, to issue a decree against, to condemn, *for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself.* (In situations where you are condemning others you show that you are equally guilty) *for thou that judgest doest the same things.* (You who are condemning others are practicing the same sinful deeds in which you are involved).

*There is a natural inclination to justify ourselves for the sins we do by condemning people who are practicing the same sins. However, we think they are worse.*

**Leenhardt:** *The Pharisee is always present in each one of us*

**2 Sam 12:7-12** *Thou art the man.*

**Powell:** *Nathan moved from storytelling to interpretation – and confrontation! In the midst of David's emotional identification and reactions, he suddenly pulled David's mask from his blinded eyes so he could see his self-deception. 'You are the man!' cried Nathan.*

**Prov 27:6** *Faithful are the wounds of a friend; ...*

None of this originated with Nathan. It is all God's message to David.

Why did you show hatred toward me and my words by doing such evil things?

**Consequences:** Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity upon you.

Tragedy, rape , revenge, a son who is disloyal and uncontrollable and who actually turns on him and drives him away.

All is silent.

David visibly shaken.

**2 Sam 12:13** *...I have sinned against the LORD.*

Psa 32:5

**Powell:** *His anger turned to grief and remorse. His fiery verbal attack turned to meekness and shame. His world of greatness suddenly crumbled around him as he saw himself for what he was – an adulterer, a liar, a thief, and a murderer! He was the man who deserved to die. David himself had sentenced men to death for lesser crimes against the law of God!*

*... thou shalt not die.*

Mercy!

Recap:

- His son dies (2 Sam. 12:15-20)
- Household--upheaval in years to come.
- Amnon rapes sister Tamar.
- Absalom murders Amnon.
- Absalom rebels and steals throne
- David flees for life
- Absalom killed
- Solomon eventually takes throne and commits same sins as David